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From: D/R

Subject: Summary of World Cork Production and Trade, with particular
Emphasis on the Soviet Bloc

Statement of Project

Origin: D/M

Responsible Division: D/M

Responsible Branch: AG

Analyst in Charge:

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Problem: To determine the cork production and trade of the major producing countries of the world (southern European and North African regions) for the period 1938-51, with particular emphasis on activities of the Soviet Bloc countries.

Scope: This paper will discuss the types and grades of cork being produced and the uses of this commodity. It will examine, by countries, the production of cork, total exports, exports by types and grades, and exports to Soviet Bloc countries. The analysis will indicate the extent of Soviet requirements and stockpiling of this commodity, which is strategic in war production and for which satisfactory substitutes are limited or not available. Soviet imports of cork will be compared with US imports of this commodity.

Estimated Completion Date: 1 October 1951.

Form of Publication: To be determined in consultation with D/R.

EIC Coordination: Yes.

Progress Reports: The 25th of each month in regular report to AD/RR.
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Outline: Draft outline to be discussed with D/R and other divisions concerned. Agreed outline to be distributed by D/R.

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